(g) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) Prices of more than 350 bulk drugs and several thousand formulations based thereon are controlled under the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1979. The details required in the question are, therefore quite voluminous and are not readily available. The time and efforts required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(e) The new Drugs Price Control Order has not been announced by the Government yet.

(f) and (g) Instances of some of the manufacturers charging their own prices pending disposal of their review petitions have come to the notice of the Government.

Objective for creating DPEA

1003. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1515 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the objective for which DPEA was created;

(b) whether such a proposal had the approval of Cabinet;

(c) whether DPEA was proposed by a Committee;

(d) if so, the name of the Committee and its members;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is proposing to abolish DPEA due to administrative problems.

(f) what are the details of the problems and what steps were taken to solve those problems:

(g) whether his Ministry has appointed any Committee to look into the operational difficulties;

(h) if so, what are the details of their report;

(i) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(j) whether his Ministry is proposing to appoint a Committee to look into the problems and report; and

(k) if so, by when the Committee will be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) It is contained in the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1979, copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The DPCO, 1979 was based on the Drug Policy, 1978.

(e) and (f) The detailed reasons are contained in the "Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs & Pharmaceutical Industry in India" copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

(g) and (i) No, Sir it was not considered necessary to do so.

(h) Does not arise.

(j) and (k) There is no such proposal under consideration for the present.

Price control on Drugs

1004. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 550 drugs being extensively used in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is proposing to control the price of only 100 drugs;